

5th Sunday of Lent

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

3/23 - 4:30pm

3/24 - 8:30am

3/24- 10:30am - Procession

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

3/30 - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday

3/31- 8:30am & 10:30am

Holy Thursday

3/28 - 7:00pm

Good Friday

3/29 - Stations of the Cross - Noon

Solemn Liturgy - 3:00pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week

Holy week is already on the horizon, March 25-30! It is always a little unfortunate when spring break coincides with Holy Week, as the much-needed break can conflict with celebrating the holiest days of the year. If you are around home that week, I highly encourage you to attend all of the Sacred Triduum ("three days"): Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. If you are on the road, check out masstimes.org for a parish near you (note that advertised mass schedules may be different during Holy Week, so you may want to go to the parish's website to verify times).



Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 19

8:15am † Marvin & Julia Miller, including living and deceased family members

Wednesday, March 20

6:00pm † John & Carolyn Koenigsknecht, including living and deceased family members

Thursday, March 21

8:15am † Jerry & Carol Thelen

Friday, March 22

8:15am † Lois Martin, including Lawrence and living & deceased family members

Saturday, March 23

4:30pm † Geraldine & Roman Geller, including living and deceased family members

Sunday, March 24

8:30am Living and deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3027

10:30am People of the Parish

Candles

Candles that have not already been lit will be removed from the devotional candle holders Thursday, March 21. This is to avoid candles being partially burned before removing them from the Church on Holy Thursday. Thank you!

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DSA

Our 2024 Diocesan Services Appeal is off to a good start. Thank you for your generosity! As we consider the many different ministries that the DSA helps to support, our DSA donations are a good way to give alms on a broader scale during the Lenten season.

IVF in the News

The topic of in-vitro fertilization has been in the news recently due to an Alabama Supreme Court ruling. Regarding Catholic teaching on this topic, Bishop Michael Burbidge of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Committee offered these reflections:

"Each of our lives has immeasurable value from the moment of conception. In this way, we know that the deeply-rooted desire to bring about new life by having children is good. As priests and bishops, we grieve with and accompany in hope and love the increasing number of families suffering with an experience of infertility. We also encourage restorative, often-overlooked, treatments that can help to address the root causes of infertility.

It is precisely because each person's life is a unique gift that we cannot condone procedures that violate the right to life or the integrity of the family. Children have a right to be born to their married mother and father, through a personal act of self-giving love. IVF, however well-intended, breaches this bond and these rights and, instead, treats human beings like products or property. This is all the more true in situations involving anonymous donors or surrogacy. This of course does not mean that our brothers and sisters who were conceived by IVF are somehow 'less than' anyone else. Every person has immeasurable value regardless of how he or she was conceived – and that applies, absolutely, to all children created through IVF, the majority of whom have not been and may never be born.

The fact is that, in the IVF industry, many embryos are never transferred to a mother's womb, but are destroyed or indefinitely frozen, and, of those who are transferred, only a fraction survive to be eventually born. All told, there are millions of human beings who have been killed or potentially permanently frozen by this industry. This cannot be the answer to the very real cross of fertility challenges. In efforts to bring about new life, we cannot turn our face from the many more lives that are cut short and extinguished in the process."

More information on this challenging topic, as well as resources for those couples who bear the heavy cross of infertility, can be found here: www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility
God bless you, Fr John

Most Holy Trinity School

Connecting Faith to Life

Important Dates:

Monday, March 18	Adoration 1:15 - 2:50
Tuesday, March 19	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, March 21	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 21	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Friday, March 22	11:30Dismissal/End of 3rd Quarter
March 25 - March 29	Spring Break
Monday, April 1	No School—Easter Monday

MHT School Registration: Registration for the 2024/25 school year is still open. You can register your child using the following link: <https://forms.gle/7BxtFfha4Z2YCWG76> or by contacting the school office. You can also find the link on our school website. Not sure yet and want to learn more about MHT School, please contact the school office (989-593-2616) to schedule a tour or stop in and pick up an inquiry folder to learn more.

Enrollment & Staffing News: MHT School Registration remains open, but we are pleased to announce that we already have 18 incoming 1st graders registered. This will put the combined total for grades one and two up to 28 students that are currently registered. In order to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our students, we will be adding an additional teacher. The 1st and 2nd grade class will be taught separately for at least half of the day. If more students register, we will consider separate classes for the entire school day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school principal.

Scrip Volunteer: Due to IRS regulations our scrip program has to be managed by a volunteer not a school employee. For the last five years, we have been blessed to have Kathy Feldpausch volunteering her time in that capacity. We can't thank Kathy enough for those years of service. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over. The job involves coming into the school to place orders once a month. Once the order comes in, it needs to be sorted and dispersed. It will take approximately 2 - 3 hours per month. Training will be provided and the days and times can be flexible. If you are interested, please contact the school office (989-593-2616).

NWEA Results: The mid-year NWEA testing window is now complete. Results can be found on our school website: www.mhtschool.com. Once again MHT students performed very well compared to both the Lansing Diocese and the national norms. The final testing window for this school year will conclude on May 15.
Anne Hufnagel, Principal

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 19—8:15 AM

Sacristan TBD
Reader Rosie Feldpausch

Wednesday, March 20—6:00 PM

Sacristan & Reader Luke Goerge
Servers Dexton Feldpausch, Kennedy Weber & Quinn Wieber

Thursday, March 21—8:15 AM

Sacristan Dean Schrauben
Reader MHT Students

Friday, March 22—8:15 AM

Sacristan TBD
Readers Linda Epkey

Saturday, March 23—4:30 PM

Sacristan Criag Arens
Reader Dale Feldpausch & Carol Piggott
Servers Bethany Hufnagel, Ronald Hufnagel & **2 VOLUNTEERS**
ExMHC Patty Koenigsknecht, Jean Koenigsknecht & Sharon Fink
Ushers John Hufnagel, Lonnie Schuller, Joe Bodarko & Kurt Koenigsknecht

Sunday, March 24— 8:30 AM

Sacristan Gerry Davis
Reader Gerry Davis & Sandy Pillard
Servers Nate & Quinten Esch, Josie & Aaron Simon
ExMHC Susie Koenigsknecht, Jane Sisung & Randy Wirth
Ushers Bill Armbrustmacher, Jamey Myers, Paul Pung & Bruce Schafer

Sunday, March 24— 10:30 AM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader **2 TBD**
Servers **4 TBD**
ExMHC Tonya McCarty, Cindy Halfman & Cynthia Wolker-Pung
Ushers Duane Pung, Dan Pung, Don Martin & **VOLUNTEER**

Book Study

We will discuss chapter 5 of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* on Thursday, March 21 at 9:00am in the Youth Center.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 18

8:00am Holy Hour for an end to abortion
7:15pm High School Faith Formation

Tuesday, March 19

After 8:15 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the
Mass Blessed Mother in the Church

Wednesday, March 20

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion
5:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, March 21

9:00am Book Study in the Youth Center

Friday, March 22

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am Confessions
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

Freedom in Christ

Free introductory webinar: Freedom in

Christ: The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE) is pleased to announce a complimentary webinar open to all on Tuesday, March 19, at 2 p.m. ET, with Executive Director **Elisabeth Sullivan**.

This webinar is offered for all who desire to deepen their understanding of Catholic liberal education: newly hired teachers or teacher applicants, veteran teachers new to Catholic liberal education, new or veteran school leaders, superintendents, **parents**, college students, and others. All are welcome. Use the QR Code to register.



Decorating the Church

Preparing the church for the Easter season will take place on Holy Saturday, March 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet, which includes a listing of what needs to be accomplished, is posted on the pro-life bulletin board. Thank you for sharing your time and talent for the greater honor and glory of God!

Job Opening

Maintenance Worker -Tom Weber, our parish and school maintenance worker, has decided to retire this summer. We are so incredibly grateful for his 13 years of service to our parish and he will be greatly missed!

Due to his retirement, we are seeking applications for either one full-time or two part-time maintenance workers. Responsibilities include maintenance of all parish facilities and equipment, lawn, landscaping, and snow removal duties, safety/regulation compliance, as well as janitorial duties at the school.

Desired qualities include plumbing, electrical/HVAC, and carpentry skills and knowledge, experience working in a skilled trade, being physically capable to lift heavy items, and a strong desire and dedication to serve the Lord.

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to this position, an application and detailed job description can be picked up at the parish office. The new hire(s) start date would ideally be June 1, 2024. This position will remain open until filled.

Candidates for the Order of Diaconate

Randy Jarud Koenigsknecht and Joshua Thomas Luttig from this parish are scheduled to be ordained on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing for service to the Diocese of Lansing. Anyone knowing a serious reason which impedes his Ordination should make this known to Rev. Michael Cassar, Director of Seminarians, Diocese of Lansing, 228 North Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933, no later than April 1, 2024.



K-12 Faith Formation

Your Invited to a Life Changing Encounter with Christ: Calling all high school youth and eighth graders going into high school! Join us for the Steubenville Conference "Illuminate" the weekend of June 21-23. **Registration is now open:** Visit mhtparish.com homepage and click on the Steubenville icon for more details and to register. In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, and security. Don't miss out in joining hundreds of Catholic teens to be illuminated by the light of Christ and the love that he has for us all.

2023 Steubenville Youth Conference Testimony: The monstrence came close by, and I started crying, and then, I stopped crying, then I started crying because I stopped crying!" This was shared by one of the young men in our group that went to Steubenville last summer. When we encounter God, we never know how we will react to the experience. But while in the "moment" we very strongly feel His presence and do not want it to stop. The wonder and beautiful experience that Steubenville provides is the perfect environment for an Encounter with God. I believe it is our duty to pray for encounters with God as our entire life should find us seeking to know Him better; that we may fall in love with Him. The Steubenville experience has borne tremendous fruit for our parish. I would encourage all High School students to make themselves open to letting God have an encounter with them. It will bring meaning to your faith. By: Vern Thelen



High School Faith Formation will be held this Monday, March 18 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. We will first meet in the Activity Center before meeting in Discipleship Groups.

Spring Break: K-12 Faith Formation will not be held the week of March 25th. Aaron Epkey



Please Pray

For Our Friends and Relatives

David Antes
Dane Armbrustmacher
Laurie Becker
Mike Becker
Lisa Clarizio
Davison Curtin
Rosanne Davis
Sean Dush
Bethany Fedewa
Dexton Feldpausch
Francis Feldpausch
Ralph Feldpausch
Stephen Fox
Tracy Gaskill
Ray Hamilton
Mike Heeg
Theresa Heeg
Bernard Hengesbach
Fr. Dennis Howard
Carol Huhn
Jenine Koeckner
Jeff Koenigsknecht
Elaine Kramer
Jennifer Ledger
Josiah Ledger
David Maniez
Virginia Martin
Arlene McCausey
Mary McCausey
Bishop Mengeling
Steve Nobis
Kevin Orth
Frank Rademacher
John Rademacher
Steve Rademacher
Rodney Robbe

Julie Wieber-Schafer
Tracy Schmitt
Fay Schmitz
Jennifer Schrauben
Gary Schueller
Mindy Simon
Dennis Smith
Shirley Stump
Rita Snyder
Dennis Spitzley
Charlene Thelen
Dale L. Thelen
Gary L Thelen
Janet Thelen
Jason Thelen
Steve Thelen
Russell Tiedt
Dane VanElls
Jeff Wadell
Chris Waldron
Terry Waldron
Elaine Weber
Douglas Werner
A special intention
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& for unity within our parish family.

Armed Services

Let us also keep in our prayers all those from the Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.

Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for those battling addiction & mental health struggles.



Pictorial Church Directory

Registration Now Open!

To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the scheduling login box to the right of the page, enter **mi1868** in the **Church Code field** and enter **photos** in the **Church password field**. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. We encourage you to enter your email when registering so you will get a reminder the week of your scheduled appointment.

If you have 5 or more in your family, please register for 2 consecutive time slots.

If you would like help, please call the parish office at 989-593-2162 or visit during business hours: Monday—Friday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the days of photography. Your duties will simply be to help check in families when they come for their scheduled time. Please call the parish office to volunteer!

ETF

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the MHT Educational Trust Fund last quarter which totaled \$9,999.35. The ETF was established in 1986 and provides an annual income to MHT Parish and MHT School for educational purposes. Please consider giving to the ETF as part of your stewardship and estate planning. Thank you!

The annual K of C Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11am on Saturday, March 30th, at Waldron Elementary. Children ages 0-10 are welcome to participate.

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity



March 10 Collection \$10,010.00
 Children's Collection..... \$42.00
 Online Giving \$3,920.17
 Total Collection..... \$13,972.17
 Wkly Amt. Needed . \$15,384.62
 Cumulative Difference for the
 fiscal year: \$14,940.29

Special Collections

Capital Improvements.....\$195.00
 Easter Offering.....\$65.00
 Easter Flowers.....\$286.00
 Maintenance Funds.....\$326.27
 Newspaper & Periodicals\$105.00

Pray For Vocations

Please keep Seminarian Dominic Schoenle & Sr. Alina Marie Nieser in your prayers this week!



“Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests, and women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray for Your Grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests; and we pray that Your Love be enough for the women in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

New Address

Fr. Bill Koenigsknecht: 15716 Noonan Rd. Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Thank You

The family of Hilda Schmitz of Westphalia would like to thank Most Holy Trinity parishioners for the prayers, cards, food, and kindness shown to us at the loss of our dear mother and grandmother. We are truly blessed to live in this faith filled and generous community.

Kim & Ron Armbrustmacher and family, Michelle & Bruce Schmitt

Sponsor of the Week:

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Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9:00am

DSA Update

Thank you to all who have given to this year's DSA Appeal! We have already reached **29% of our parish goal of \$76,624**, with a total of **\$21,925 pledged!**

If you have yet to donate, please prayerfully consider what you can give to this year's appeal. Donations can be made by envelope or online. Thank you!



MONTHLY MEN'S COR MEETING

Rescheduled for Monday, March 18 at 8:15pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Sponsored by : Fowler Fire & Rescue

When: March 17, 2024

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Where: Most Holy Trinity Activity Center

**Menu: Pork Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Pancakes, Hash Browns, Fruit & Beverages**

Price:

Adults (14 & Over) \$9.00

Kids (6 - 13) \$4.00

Kids Under 6 Free

**Proceeds will be used for
Rescue & Firefighting Equipment**



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